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SETTING UP OF RETAIL OUTLETS IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): whether public sector Oil Companies do not want to open more retail outlets in small towns, villages and on State roads;

(b): if so, whether some alternate marketing methods are proposed to be adopted by the Government to encourage the people to serve the neglected areas;

(c): whether private refineries are being asked to fulfil this role; and

(d): if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): The Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies conduct periodic surveys in all areas including`E` class markets (remote areas not covered by National/State Highways and pockets of agricultural concentration having no retail outlets within10-km radius) and `D` class markets (National/State Highways)to identify locations which are feasible based on the Volume-Distance Norms. Such feasible locations are included in the Marketing Plans of the Oil Industry.

(c)& (d): Marketing rights have not yet been granted to the private refineries.